GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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GRANTS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Birla Ambani Committee have recommended to scrap grants given to the Educational Institutes and privatise the system;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware of the fact that a large number of colleges are likely to be closed as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering to order cut @ 20% in the salary grants to the colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b): The Special Subject Group (SSG) on Policy Framework for Private Investment in Education, Health and Rural Development constituted in December, 1999, had submitted its report in April, 2000. The Report had, inter-alia, recommended that `privatisation of higher and professional education can relieve government funding from these areas which can be used for primary education and improving literacy. Subsidies for higher education should be gradually withdrawn through higher fees and changes in fee structure.`

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.